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SUBJECT: VISA RECIPROCITY FOR JOURNALISTS

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED VISA APPLICATIONS FROM EIGHT CZECHOSLOVAK REPRESENTATIVES (CZECH AND SLOVAK NEWSPAPERS, RADIO, TELEVISION) TO COVER US-CSSR HOCKEY GAME IN PHILADELPHIA ON SEPTEMBER 7, PART OF CANADA CUP TOURNAMENT.

2. REQUESTED PERIOD OF STAY WAS CONSIDERABLY LONGER THAN NECESSARY TO COVER THE ONE GAME (TV REPS APPLIED FOR THREE WEEKS). EMBASSY THEREFORE CONSIDERED RECOMMENDING (28) WAIVERS ONLY FOR SHORTER, MINIMUM STAY. AFTER DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE ISSUING VISAS TO CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS AS USUAL, AS LONG AS NO AMERICAN JOURNALIST REFUSED VISA BY GOC. NONE HAS BEEN REFUSED TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, SINCE DUSKO DODER OF WASHINGTON POST WAS DENIED REQUEST TO ENTER CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO REPORT ON 15TH PARTY CONGRESS IN APRIL.

3. WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT AND INFO ADDRESSEES TO NOTIFY US, IF INFORMED OF CZECHOSLOVAK VISA REFUSALS TO ANY AMERICAN JOURNALIST. IN THE EVENT OF SUCH REFUSALS, EMBASSY WOULD PROPOSE TO TAKE A MORE RIGID LINE IN FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF  
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CZECHOSLOVAK JOURNALISTS' VISA REQUESTS.

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